

# Wycombe fall easy prey to four-goal Hendon

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WYCOMBE WAND 0 : HENDON ..... 4

**W**ITHOUT two of their star forwards, Worley and Horseman, Wycombe were outplayed in the first half and outgeneralled in the second by purposeful Hendon in an Isthmian League clash at High Wycombe.

Wycombe: Bunting; Beck, Pullin; Maharg, Roystone, Lewis; French, Merrick, Lowen, Balson, Hodges.

Hendon: Swannell; Williams, Ellison; Walker, Riddey, Knox; Hyde, O'Rourke, Churchill, Quail, Slade.

Referee: A Hitchman (Twyford).

Hendon's fast-moving forwards soon had Wycombe in trouble and after centre-forward Churchill had skimmed the bar, they took the lead in the fourth minute.

A back heeled pass by Quail was seized on by KNOX who went on to score with a clever angled shot which deceived goalkeeper Bunting.

With the Wycombe backs and halves fully occupied, the home forwards lacked support and it was 15 minutes before Hendon's goal was threatened.

Then Hodges got in a strong shot which centre half Riddey dived full length to head clear.

## NO SURPRISE

Wycombe's forwards, however, made little headway against the powerful Hendon half-back line and it came as no surprise when the visitors added to their lead after 24 minutes.

Inside right O'ROURKE, danger man of their attack, moved to the left wing and sent in a high shot which soared over Bunting into the far corner of the goal.

Only Hodges and Lowen in Wycombe's weakened forward line looked at all likely to outwit Hendon's defence and few shots got through to goalkeeper Swannell.

Once, however, Swannell had to dive full-length to push a centre from French round the post.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 0, Hendon 2.

Hendon kept up the pressure early in the second half and Bunting saved well from Slade in the first minute. Then Hendon goalkeeper Swannell was injured in a collision as Wycombe counter-attacked.

Another injury put Wycombe's newcomer Les Merrick out for a spell for treatment but he soon returned to hobble first on the right wing then on the left.

Wycombe's weakness at inside forward robbed them of staying power in attacking movements and with Hendon content to hang on to their lead much of the play was a stalemate.

## FREE KICK GOAL

Hendon were a little lucky to add to their lead in the 72nd minute when right winger HYDE scored direct from a free kick on the edge of the penalty area.

A few minutes later Hyde almost scored again with a tremendous shot which Bunting saved well. Then Pullin deserved better luck for Wycombe with a shot which struck the underside of the crossbar and rebounded out.

Just before the end right winger HYDE broke away again for Hendon to add their fourth.

## RESULT:

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# WYCOMBE MISS THEIR STARS

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**W**ITHOUT star forwards Worley and Horseman, both injured, Wycombe gave their poorest display of the season.

Weakness at inside forward robbed Wycombe's disjointed attacks of any striking power, and Hendon goalkeeper Swannell, despite a second-half injury, was rarely in trouble.

A goal ahead within four minutes from left-half Knox, Hendon dictated play at their own pace. O'Rourke gave Hendon a 2-0 lead after 24 minutes with a centre which deceived goalkeeper Bunting.

After Wycombe's reserve inside right Merrick had moved on to the wing with an injured leg, Hyde added a third from a free kick just outside the penalty area, in the 73rd minute.

Wycombe made a brief rally in which Pullin was unlucky not to score with a shot which rebounded from underneath the crossbar, but Hyde scored another for Hendon two minutes from the end.